PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: APRIL 23, 2015 **ITEM NUMBER:**

SUBJECT: TREE REMOVAL REQUEST - 883 PROSPECT PLACE

DATE: APRIL 15, 2015

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MAINTENANCE SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: BRUCE A. HARTLEY, MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGER

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BRUCE A. HARTLEY (714) 754-5123

RECOMMENDATION

Deny the request to remove three (3) City owned parkway trees growing in the landscaped set-back on Yukon Avenue, immediately to the rear of 883 Prospect Place.

BACKGROUND

The City of Costa Mesa owns three 'lettered lots' as defined by the tract map associated with the development of the homes in the Yukon-Klondike-Prospect neighborhoods. See Attachment 1. The lots are landscaped and were granted to the City by the builder for landscape purposes (landscape set-back) when the tract map was recorded. The landscape was installed by the builder and has been maintained continuously by the City to present day. The area receives monthly landscape maintenance and the trees are trimmed on a three to five (3-5) year pruning cycle. In addition to the lettered lots, there are parkways along Yukon Avenue that contain landscape and trees. These areas are maintained at the same time as the lettered lots. The area is currently under renovation, with new electrical service, irrigation controller, wiring, sprinklers and plants being installed. The trees associated with the removal request are located in the Yukon Avenue landscape set-back immediately to the rear of 883 Prospect Place (at the corner of Klondike Avenue and Yukon Avenue) and are identified in the City's tree inventory at trees S-9, S-11 and S-13.

This item was heard as part of a larger tree removal request from multiple applicants at the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings on January 23, 2014, and February 27, 2014. At the January meeting, the Commission approved the removal of one tree (S-14) at City expense and directed staff to root prune another tree (S-13) behind 883 Prospect Place. The Commission also directed staff to conduct an on-site evaluation of four (4) additional trees (S-9, S-10, S-11 and S-12) at that address to determine if they were causing any damage to private property improvements, and to report back to the Commission the findings. See Attachment 2.

A site visit was conducted on February 6, 2014, by the Public Services Director, the Maintenance Services Manager and the Interim Arborist. All of the trees were carefully inspected from the side of the wall adjacent to the landscape set back and from the private property as well. The Applicants were included in the evaluation conducted on the private property side of the wall. The Public Services Director determined that trees S-9

and S-11 were not causing significant damage to the private wall. However, damage was observed to the wall that was attributed to trees S-10 and S-12.

The tree removal request was brought back to the Commission on February 27, 2014 where the Commission approved the removal of trees S-10 and S-12 and denied the request to remove trees S-9 and S-11. Attachment 3.

On April 21, 2014, West Coast Arborist, Inc. (WCA), the City's tree maintenance contractor performed root pruning of the S-13 tree and installed a 12" deep root barrier on the sidewalk side of the tree. City crews ground the raised concrete area associated with that tree prior to the root pruning. WCA completed an extensive root barrier installation on March 20, 2015, along one hundred fifty linear feet (150' lin. ft.) of block wall starting at the corner of Klondike Avenue and proceeding east behind the private property walls directly behind the Prospect Place homes. There were some locations where specific roots were not cut due to their large size and the likelihood of the roots being critical to the stability of the affected tree. The tree closest to the corner at Klondike and Yukon, Tree S-13, had a section approximately fourteen inches (14") in depth that was a solid sheet of roots that resembled a subterranean trunk collar. The root barrier at this location was pared down in depth and the roots were not cut for the same reason as stated above.

ANALYSIS

The original tree removal request for 883 Prospect Place involved eight (8) trees; six (6) trees growing in the landscape set-back and two (2) growing in the parkway. The Commission previously approved the removal of three (3) slope trees (S-10, S-12 and S-14) and denied the request to remove three (3) slope trees (S-9, S-11 and S-13) as well as the two (2) parkway trees (F-6 and F-5).

The Applicant's current request is to remove Trees S-9, S-11 and S-13.

Tree information: (See Attachment 4)

- Tree 'S-9' is approximately fifty-five feet (55') in height with a trunk diameter of seventeen inches (17"). The tree is in good condition. It is too large and is too close to other trees and/or walls to be transplanted successfully. The tree has been continuously maintained on a 3-5 year cycle. The tree was pruned last on April 25, 2014. It is valued at approximately $4,890.

- Tree 'S-11' is approximately sixty feet (60') in height with a trunk diameter of sixteen inches (16"). The tree is in good condition. It is too large and is too close to other trees and/or walls to be transplanted successfully. The tree has been continuously maintained on a 3-5 year cycle. The tree was pruned last on April 25, 2014. It is valued at approximately $4,890.

- Tree 'S-13' is approximately sixty feet (60') in height with a trunk diameter of sixteen inches (16"). The tree is in good condition. It is too large and is too close to other trees and/or walls to be transplanted successfully. The tree has been continuously maintained on a 3-5 year cycle. The tree was pruned last on April 25, 2014. It is valued at approximately $4,890.

The Applicant provided the following justification for the removal of the trees: See Attachment 5.

- The roots are a continued threat to home improvement projects.
- Lack of sunshine into the backyard.
- Potential for wall damage in the future.
- Excessive pollen and the health impacts on allergies and asthma of family members.

The Applicant was mailed a copy of the Agenda and the Staff Report. A Public Notice of the meeting was mailed to 132 homes within the tracts that are accessed by Yukon Avenue. See Attachment 6.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

1. The Commission could authorize the removal and replacement of one, two or three of the trees requested to be removed, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 Category 3 – Discretionary Removals, which would require the replacement of each tree with one (1) twenty-four inch box-size tree and two (2) fifteen gallon-size trees to be planted elsewhere on City property. The applicant would pay all removal and replacement costs.

   If approved by the Commission, the trees must be removed and mitigation trees provided to the City within one year from the date of final approval, after which the approval expires.

2. The Commission could authorize the removal of the tree(s) as a Category 1 – 'Health and Safety' removal with all removal and replacement costs paid for by the City and determine the number and size of the replacement/mitigation trees, if any, to be planted.

FISCAL REVIEW

There would be no fiscal impact to the City if the request to remove the trees was denied; or approved as a Category 3 - Discretionary Removal, as the Applicant would pay all costs.

The costs for the mitigation trees (1 – 24" box size and 2 – 15 gallon size) would be $425 for each tree removed. Removal Costs are based on current City contract prices, which is $20 per inch of diameter of the tree to be removed. Total cost to the Applicant for the removal and replacement would vary depending on the number of trees removed, as shown below:

Tree S-9: $340 removal and $425 replacement, for a total of $765
Tree S-11: $320 removal and $425 replacement, for a total of $745
Tree S-13: $320 removal and $425 replacement, for a total of $745

If the Commission were to approve the request to remove the trees as a Category 1 - Health and Safety Removal, with the City paying removal and replacement costs, the cost for the removal of the trees would be as shown above, with a cost of replanting 1 – 24"

box size tree of $200, for each tree removed, if the Commission determined that a replacement tree was needed.

LEGAL REVIEW

No legal review is required for this item.

CONCLUSION

The three (3) City-owned Canary Island Pine trees that are being requested to be removed are located within the City-owned landscape set-back on Yukon Avenue to the rear of 883 Prospect Place. City staff have coordinated the removal of seven trees previously approved by the Commission; pruning of all twenty-one of the remaining trees; root pruning; installation of root barriers and sidewalk grinding to mitigate the impacts of the trees on adjacent property owners.

The trees are not currently causing observable damage to the private property of the Applicant and measures have been taken to reduce the likelihood of future damage to private property from the roots of the trees. It is therefore recommended that the Commission deny the request to remove the trees.

BRUCE A. HARTLEY
Maintenance Services Manager

ERNESTO MUNOZ
Public Services Director

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Tract Map – Tract No. 10513
2. Minutes - Parks & Recreation Meeting of January 23, 2014
3. Minutes - Parks & Recreation Meeting of February 27, 2014
4. Tree Information and Photographs
5. Applicant Request for Tree Removal via electronic mail March 17, 2015
6. Resident Notice of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting dated April 8, 2015.

C: Kelly Waterman
883 Prospect Lane
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

ATTACHMENT #1

SHEET 3 OF 3 SHEETS
GROSS AREA 9.46 ACRES
41 LOTS AND LOTS A, B, C AND D
(ALL OF TENTATIVE TRACT NO 10513)

DUPLICATE

TRACT NO. 10513

IN THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, COUNTY OF ORANGE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FEB 28 1979 AT 8:30 AM
AT REQUEST OF
FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INS CO
ORANGE COUNTY RECORD.
BRANCH County Re.
$9.00

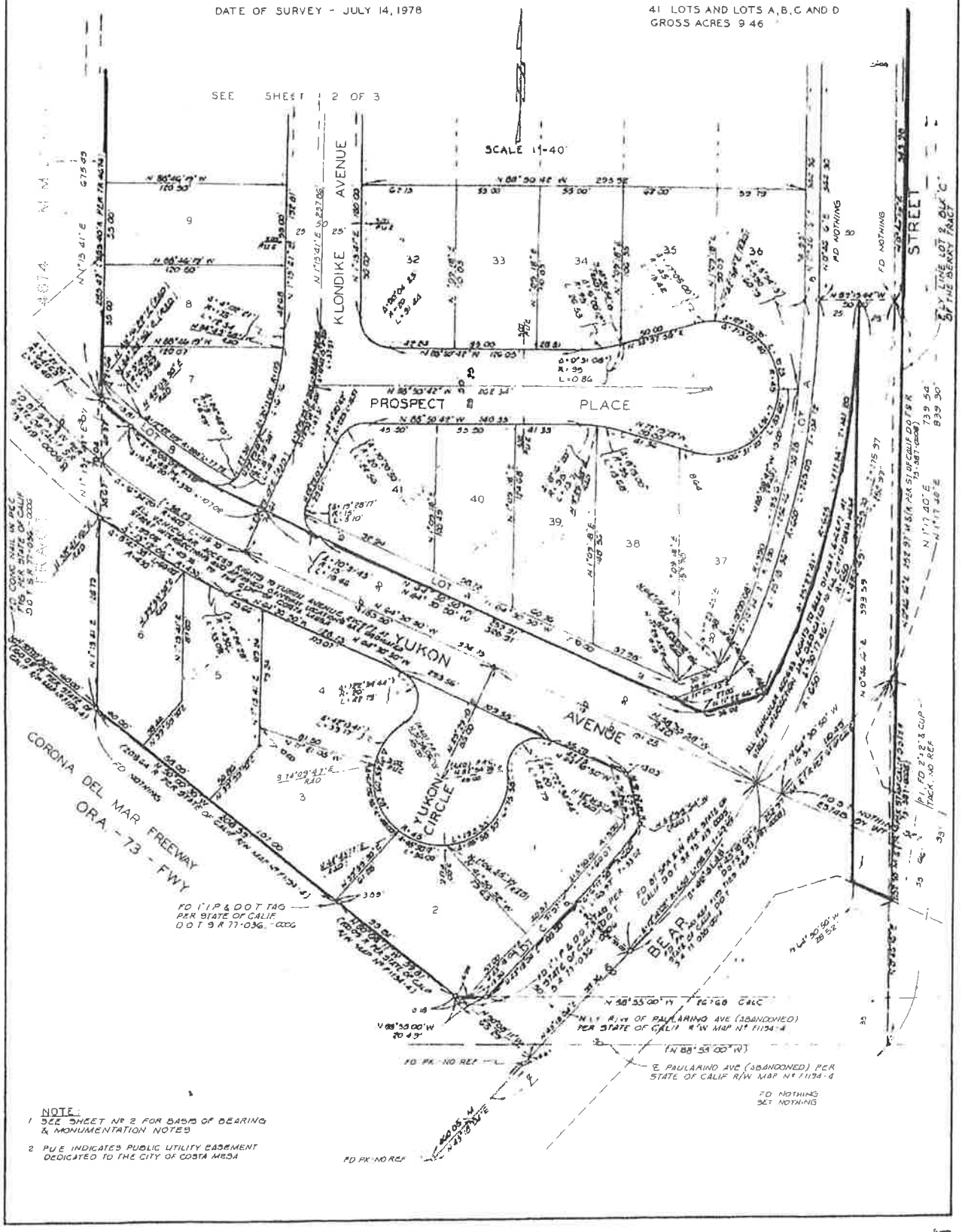
BEING A SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF LOT 2, OF BLOCK "C" OF THE BERRY TRACT, AS SHOWN ON A MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 9, PAGE 6 OF MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

JULY, 1978 JAMES J BRENNAN - R C E 20801

JAMES J BRENNAN - CONSULTING CIVIL ENGINEERS

DATE OF SURVEY - JULY 14, 1978

41 LOTS AND LOTS A, B, C AND D
GROSS ACRES 9.46



NOTE:
1 SEE SHEET Nº 2 FOR BASIS OF BEARING & MONUMENTATION NOTES
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THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

JANUARY 23, 2014

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2014, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

1. **Call to Order: Chair de Arakal**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chair Pederson**

3. **Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Dean Abernathy
Vice Chair Kim Pederson
Chair Byron de Arakal
Commissioner Donald Harper
Commissioner Robert Graham

Commissioners Absent:

Officials Present: Mr. Bruce A. Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager
Mr. Robert E. Knapp, Recreation Manager
Mr. Ernesto Munoz, Public Services Director

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the November 21, 2013, Meeting**

MOTION made by Vice Chair Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Abernathy, carried five to zero to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2013, meeting.

5. **Oral Communications**

1. Rocky Evans – Costa Mesa
Mr. Evans inquired if there would be any further action or discussion taking place regarding the skate park. He offered to participate in those efforts.

2. Mr. Mark Portnoy – Costa Mesa
Mr. Portnoy indicated individuals using the skate park have been doing some self-policing.

Chair de Arakal indicated staff is working with the police department to provide a program that will be presented at the February 2014 meeting. Chair de Arakal also suggested the group would meet the first or second week of February, and Mr. Evans and Mr. Portnoy would be invited to attend.

6. **Consent Calendar**

a. Adult & Youth Contract Instructional Class Proposals

MOTION made by Commissioner Harper, seconded by Vice Chair Pederson, carried five to zero to approve fees for one (1) new adult instructional class, four (4) new youth instructional classes, and one (1) fee increase for a current youth

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Chair de Arakal called for questions from the commissioners.

Commissioner Graham inquired about the cost of trimming the trees and was provided guidance on the various styles of tree trimming.

3081 Klondike Avenue

1. Applicant Gabriella Oseguera, Costa Mesa

Applicant Ms. Oseguera indicated there is existing danger to her property due to the trees. She identified trees F3, S4 and S3 as creating damage to her property. She suggested that trees be planted that are better suited to the neighborhood.

2. Jessica Harris, Costa Mesa

Ms. Harris indicated the trees are healthy and she enjoys them.

3. Mark Harris, Costa Mesa

Mr. Harris suggested the city's arborist, Mr. Hartley, and a third individual view the trees in question and evaluate what needs to be done.

4. Kim DeBroux, Costa Mesa

Ms. DeBroux referenced to a petition turned into the commission signed by 59 neighbors. She indicated that the trees in question are healthy and removing them will devalue her property.

5. Carolyn Reyes, Costa Mesa

Ms. Reyes expressed she was against removing the neighborhood trees.

6. George Berg, Costa Mesa

Mr. Berg agrees in defense of the trees and he favored a thorough trimming of the trees.

7. Don Andrews, Costa Mesa

Mr. Andrews suggested that trees damaging property should be addressed; however, the trees in the parkway should remain unless they are causing problems.

8. Kelly Waterman, Costa Mesa

Ms. Waterman indicated the trees in question require more than one solution. She expressed the focus should be on the slope trees.

Chair de Arakal invited the commission to ask questions of staff or the Applicant.

Commissioner Graham indicated a parkway tree identified as F3 should be addressed due to the water and curb issues, as well as trees against the wall identified as S4, S3, and S2.

Mr. Hartley indicated he shared concerns with the trees against the wall. They are not currently causing damage.

Commissioner Harper asked if this type of tree has potential to damage anything.

Mr. Hartley indicated they are planted on a slope and the roots will fan out. Quite likely they could in the future cause problems.

Vice Chair Pederson indicated trees are an asset.

Commissioner Abernathy discussed with Mr. Hartley if tree F3 has had any root pruning done.

Chair de Arakal asked if the trees are mature and Mr. Hartley responded that S3 is mature.

Commissioner Graham noted when visiting the location there was some damage to a wall.

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Harper, carried five to zero, to approve the removal of three (3) trees identified as S2, S3 and S4 per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 – Discretionary Removals, with the Applicant paying all removal costs and paying for mitigation trees ($425 for each tree removed) with trees to be planted elsewhere on public property and deny the request for removal of trees identified as F1, F2, F3 and F4, with the addition that the staff evaluate curb, gutter and sidewalk adjacent to tree F3 and take appropriate action and have City staff evaluate for landscape improvements.

883 Prospect Place

1. Kelly Waterman, Costa Mesa

Ms. Waterman provided photos of eight trees behind her residence. She reported cracks in her wall due to the trees and no light is permitted into her backyard.

Chair de Arakal called for questions from the commissioners.

Commissioner Abernathy discussed with the Applicant which trees she is actually wanting removed.

Commissioner Graham asked Ms. Waterman which trees are causing damage to her property.

Ms. Waterman cited S11 and S13.

Mr. Hartley cited different alternative maintenance practices are possible to Commissioner Graham.

Commissioner Harper inquired which tree had caused damage to the wall and Ms. Waterman responded S14.

Commissioner Harper asked the Applicant if thinning helps.

Ms. Waterman indicated it helps, but then it grows back.

Mr. Waterman suggested removing S14, S13, and S9.

Chair de Arakal clarified that S14 was causing wall damage and Mr. Waterman responded yes.

Chair de Arakal opened up comments to the audience.

1. Ms. Oseguera, Costa Mesa

Ms. Oseguera spoke in favor of the Waterman's request.

2. Kim DeBroux, Costa Mesa

Ms. DeBroux shared that her vision will now be solar panels.

3. Mr. Garabedian, Costa Mesa

Mr. Garabedian indicated the tree identified as S14 is against the wall needs to be removed. He suggested putting trees on a slope was a bad idea.

4. Mick Meldrum, Costa Mesa

Mr. Meldrum has one of the same trees in front of his home and is happy with it.

5. Jessica Harris, Costa Mesa

Ms. Harris relayed that there seems to be uncertainty of which trees are being spoken about and she feels clarification is necessary.

6. George Berg, Costa Mesa

Mr. Berg shared that people read the petition before signing it and only one (1) individual declined to sign it. He feels that S14 needs to be removed and requested someone from

9. Mark Harris, Costa Mesa
Mr. Harris indicated that trees buffer the noise and also purify the air. He reiterated that three (3) people should view the trees again and evaluate them separately.

10. Sherrie Underwood, Costa Mesa
Ms. Underwood brought up that the trees have been at the location for 30 years. Ms. Underwood indicated that any trees damaging fences/walls should be removed. She suggested a specialist look at each tree both in backyards and outside of defined yards, and evaluate them separately.

11. Mr. Waterman, Costa Mesa
Mr. Waterman indicated a consensus needs to be worked out.

Chair de Arakal asked the commissioners for comments or questions.

Commissioner Graham would like clarification on what trees are moving walls and suggested city staff do such an evaluation.

Chair de Arakal asked Mr. Hartley if any other wall damage could be assessed, other than what is caused by S14. The arborist's field inspection reports did not reflect any other damage. S13 and S14 are reflected as having caused damage.

MOTION made by Chair de Arakal died for the lack of a second.

MOTION made by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Vice Chair Pederson, carried five to zero, to approve, 1) removal of the tree identified as S14 as a Category 1 and root prune and grind the sidewalk adjacent to the tree identified as S13; 2) Staff to evaluate alleged wall damage caused by the trees identified as S9, S10, S11 and S12, with the Maintenance Manager providing the results of the evaluation to the Parks and Recreation Commission at the February 27, 2014, meeting.

(Five (5) minute break)

879 Prospect Place
1. Claire Le, Costa Mesa
Applicant Claire Le did not want to have her tree(s) removed, but was supporting the other Applicants.

MOTION made by Chair de Arakal, seconded by Commissioner Graham, carried five to zero, to deny the request to remove an unspecified number of pine trees behind the Applicant's property.

883 Prospect Place
1. John Garabedian, Costa Mesa
Applicant John Garabedian stated concern for the trees on the slope. There is currently no wall damage.

Chair de Arakal asked for public comments.

1. Kelly Waterman, Costa Mesa
Ms. Waterman supports Mr. Garabedian's request. She suggested thinning out the trees would assist.

2. Mr. Waterman, Costa Mesa
Mr. Waterman supports Mr. Garabedian's request and believes that eventually the Applicant's walls will be affected by the roots of the trees.

3. Gabriella Oseguera, Costa Mesa
Ms. Oseguera feels the entrance to the neighborhood needs to be clean and balanced.

4. George Berg, Costa Mesa

Chair de Arakal called for additional questions from the commissioners.

MOTION by Vice Chair Pederson, seconded by Chair de Arakal, carried five to zero, to approve the removal of the tree identified as S5 per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 – Discretionary Removals, which would require the replacement of the tree with one (1) twenty-four inch box-size tree to be planted at the same address and two (2) fifteen gallon-size trees to be planted elsewhere on City property with the Applicant paying all removal and replacement costs and denying the removal of the remaining trees, and deny the request to remove S6, F2 and F3.

9 New Business

9a Tree Removal Request – 433 Broadway

Mr. Hartley presented the report.

1. Chris McLaughlin, Costa Mesa

Applicant Mr. McLaughlin indicated his fiancé is the owner of the property and he provided historical information on the tree that was planted in the front of the home. Mr. McLaughlin would like to select a tree that goes with the landscaping they are planning.

Chair de Arakal opened up questions of the Applicant.

Mr. McLaughlin indicated his fiancé, the owner of the property, had spoken to the arborist over the telephone requesting the tree not be provided.

Commissioner Harper and Mr. McLaughlin discussed if the Applicant is requesting the tree be removed or if he is requesting it be replaced.

Chair de Arakal asked Mr. McLaughlin when landscaping will occur and the Applicant indicated this year. Chair de Arakal asked the Applicant to inform the city when the landscaping is ready to begin.

Chair de Arakal discussed with Mr. Hartley the terms for a motion.

Commissioner Harper discussed with the Applicant the status of the design for landscaping.

MOTION by Chair de Arakal, seconded by Vice Chair Pederson, carried five to zero, to approve the removal and relocation of one (1) City-owned parkway tree located in the public right-of-way at 433 Broadway, with the following conditions: 1) The City shall remove and relocate the tree to other public property upon the Applicant submitting an acceptable landscape plan to the Maintenance Services Division. The Applicant shall work with City staff to select a replacement tree to be planted following the submission of the landscape plan. 2) All relocation and tree replacement costs shall be at the Applicant's expense. No 3:1 replanting requirement will apply. 3) Commission approval expires one (1) year from date of meeting.

10. Parks Project Manager's Report

Mr. Mejia presented the report in regard to the following projects:

Fairview Park – Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project
Smallwood Park
Harbor Boulevard Beautification
Harbor Boulevard Bike Trail Improvements

Other Beautification Projects:
West Side Master Plan
Del Mar Avenue at Newport Blvd. Improvements

Commissioner Abernathy spoke of alternative designs to the Smallwood Park play area with Mr. Mejia. Commissioner Abernathy commended Mr. Mejia on the look of the medians.

11. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Graham spoke of the fires at Fairview Park.

Commissioner Abernathy conversed with Mr. Hartley about a maintenance strategy for the bark park. Commissioner Abernathy would like citizens to get behind bike paths.

Commissioner Harper indicated that Harbor Blvd. is looking nice and he wondered about the entryway at the golf course. Mr. Munoz indicated that the golf course entryway project is underway. Canary stairs should be done before July.

Vice Chair Pederson spoke of the boardwalk and Mr. Munoz shared the project has been tabled. Vice Chair Pederson expressed disappointment in that decision. He thanked everyone for their hard work.

Chair de Arakal indicated he would like the commission to see the report in regard to the fires at Fairview Park. Mr. Munoz indicated that would be communicated. Chair de Arakal shared disappointment in the decision of the boardwalk and hoped the lines of communication being kept open may allow it to happen at some point. Chair de Arakal requested Mr. Munoz provide an update on the interaction with the US Fish and Wildlife. Chair de Arakal suggested the US Fish and Wildlife may provide their report to the City Council, as well as the Parks and Recreation Commission. Chair de Arakal shared information given at the last school district liaison meeting.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **9:33 p.m.** to the next regular scheduled agenda review on Thursday, February 27, 2014, at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room 3A of City Hall, followed by the Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

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ERNESTO MUNOZ
Public Services Director

THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 27, 2014

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2014, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

1. **Call to Order: Chair de Arakal**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Abernathy**

3. **Roll Call**

Commissioners Present:	Commissioner Dean Abernathy Vice Chair Kim Pederson Chair Byron de Arakal Commissioner Donald Harper Commissioner Robert Graham
Commissioners Absent:	None
Officials Present:	Mr. Bruce A. Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager Ms. Lisa McPherson, Parks and Community Serv. Supervisor Ms. Penny Loomer, Interim Recreation Manager Mr. Ernesto Munoz, Public Services Director Ms. Tamara Letourneau, Asst. CEO Mr. Christian Hernandez, Field Ambassador Supervisor

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the January 23, 2014, Meeting**

MOTION made by Vice Chair Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Abernathy, carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2014, meeting.

a. Fire Department Presentation

Chief Stefano provided a report on the recent fires at Fairview Park.

Mr. Hartley discussed the annual maintenance program conducted at Fairview Park.

Mr. Munoz indicated the masterplan has elements associated in assisting firefighting efforts at the park.

Chief Stefano relayed fire engines were down at the location and they were able to pull lines. Furthermore, he relayed that fire apparatus was on the bike trail.

5. **Oral Communications**

1. Rocky Evans – Costa Mesa

Mr. Evans requested extending the hours of operation at Volcom Skatepark.

2. Mr. Mark Portnoy – Costa Mesa

Mr. Portnoy commended city employees for putting effort into getting the skatepark open after the strong rains. He also suggested longer open hours at the skatepark.

Chair de Arakal indicated there is a draft report with the CEO, then it goes onto the

8. Old Business

Tree Removal Request – 883 Prospect Place

Mr. Hartley presented the report.

Chair de Arakal called for questions from the commissioners.

No questions were asked.

Chair de Arakal asked if the Applicant was present.

1. Kelly Waterman, Costa Mesa
Ms. Waterman provided photos of the trees and damage caused to her property, along with evidence of pollen. Ms. Waterman is requesting the removal of four (4) trees.

Chair de Arakal reminded the Applicant that S14 was approved for removal at the January meeting.

2. Mr. Waterman, Costa Mesa
Mr. Waterman expressed concern about the current damage to their wall as well as future damage.

Chair de Arakal called for questions from the commissioners.

No questions were asked.

Chair de Arakal called for public comment.

1. Ms. Carolyn Reyes, Costa Mesa
Ms. Reyes spoke on behalf of Ms. Kim DeBroux. Ms. Reyes provided information on the canary pine tree and requested not removing any of the trees.

Commissioner Graham inquired of Ms. DeBroux's proximity to the Waterman residence.

2. John Garabedian, Costa Mesa
Mr. Garabedian suggested that if there is damage to any property from the trees, they should be removed.

Chair de Arakal called for public comment.

There was no public comment.

Chair de Arakal asked Mr. Hartley to discuss the photo showing a crack in a wall from the inside of the yard labeled, "S9/S10 Inside Damage from base and works up".

Commissioner Graham discussed with Mr. Hartley if root pruning is an option.

Vice Chair Pederson expressed support to remove S12 and S10.

Commissioner Graham stated that S12 should be removed because it is causing damage and he suggested S10 be revisited in six (6) months.

Commissioner Abernathy shared support for the removal of S12 and S10.

Commissioner Harper recognized the fifty-nine (59) individuals who signed a petition.

Chair de Arakal expressed sensitivity to the property owners damage and the children's health concerns.

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Graham,

Chair de Arakal called for questions from the commissioners.

Commissioner Harper asked if F1 was causing the sewer damage and Mr. Hartley responded yes.

Chair de Arakal asked if the Applicant was present.

The Applicant was not present.

Chair de Arakal opened for public comments and none were provided.

Vice Chair Pederson inquired about the Category 3 removal costs.

Mr. Hartley responded, $1195 for removal and the required mitigation fee.

MOTION made by Commissioner Harper, seconded by Chair de Arakal, failed two to three with Commissioner Abernathy, Vice Chair Pederson and Commissioner Graham voting no, to defer this item until next month when the Applicant can be present.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

MOTION made by Vice Chair Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Graham, carried four to one with Commissioner Harper voting no, to deny the request for the removal of two (2) City-owned parkway trees located in the public right-of-way at 2928 Ellesmere Avenue.

b. Field Allocation and Current Facility Outline

Report presented by Ms. Lisa McPherson

Chair de Arakal invited the commissioners to ask questions.

Vice Chair Pederson inquired about field use and Field Ambassador Supervisor Christian Hernandez was brought to the podium to facilitate those questions.

Mr. Hernandez provided data for 2013 field usage, including limitations.

Mr. Munoz offered insight into the masterplan process.

Vice Chair Pederson and Mr. Munoz discussed the value of having a study session regarding the masterplan.

Chair de Arakal stated that a long-term need is to look at capital improvement projects to provide more lit fields.

Vice Chair Pederson suggested a dialog ensue with Newport Mesa Unified School District about temporary lights for the school fields.

Mr. Hernandez indicated that all city facilities are filled to capacity.

Chair de Arakal called for public comments.

1. Kim Hendricks, Costa Mesa
Ms. Hendricks offered to share a binder of gathered information with the commissioners. She also inquired as to the year of the data in the report.

Chair de Arakal stated the data is from 2012/2013.

No other public comments were offered.

Proposed large and small projects in the budget.
Tree planting.
Re-staffing.
Renovation of turf in front of City Hall.
Re-working Bark Park LOU.

11. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Abernathy welcome Interim Recreation Manager, Penny Loomer, as well as the Assistant CEO, Tammy Letourneau.

Commissioner Graham thanked staff and new staff members.

Commissioner Harper expressed gratitude to all staff.

Vice Chair Pederson thanked Mr. Hernandez for fielding the Commissioner's inquiries. He shared that the commission does take tree removal issues very seriously.

Chair de Arakal welcomed Ms. Loomer and Ms. Letourneau.

Mr. Munoz thanked the commissioners for supporting him as Director of Public Services and further explained that Ms. Letourneau would now be the liaison.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **7:55 p.m.** to the next regular scheduled agenda review on Thursday, March 27, 2014, at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room 3A of City Hall, followed by the Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

TAMMY LETOURNEAU
Assistant CEO

HARTLEY, BRUCE

From: Kelly Waterman [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 11:27 AM
To: HARTLEY, BRUCE
Subject: Tree Removal Request

Hello Bruce,

I am requesting the removal of trees that are on my slope near my property wall. The roots are a continued threat to my home improvement project. We will be investing approximately $60,000 into the renovation of our backyard to hardscape and improve my property value. The hardscape is needed due to the acidity of the needles preventing enjoyment of my property. It is also needed due to the lack of sunshine in our backyard. You did remove some trees which have improved the air flow, decreased pollen cover minimally and has allowed some sunlight to the upstairs bedroom areas of my home. However we still lack the light needed to enjoy downstairs and in the same backyard area because there are still tree coverage. This coverage will remain with the parkway trees which is good however the cracking in my walls will happen again years down the line after repair. The contractors that have all quoted repair to my property inform me that the roots will grow again and will damage the walls in the upcoming years. I do not want to have this problem to be ongoing and I do not look forward to submitting bills and meetings again in 6 years etc. Lets please rectify and prevent this by my submission to request removal of the trees on my slope. Also my home insurance will cover my backyard renovation but it is in question if they will cover any damages that are not prevented before the work is done. There is still a good amount of pollen coverage and my two children still living at home have allergy and asthma conditions that have been helped by the first trees but still not enough. It's not nice that I can't open windows because I have to keep pollen cover out of our beds and living areas. I would like to present this case to the Committee and ask that I am added to the agenda. Thank you for your patience, I know this has been a frustrating situation and I would like to bring it to a happy end.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding

Kelly Waterman

City of Costa Mesa
Maintenance Services Division
FIELD INSPECTION – TREE INFORMATION

ATTACHMENT #5

Denial	☒	Category	1☐	2☐	3☒
Supporting	☐	Category	1☐	2☐	3☐

Date Request Received:

Name of Resident: **Kelly Waterman** Requesting Party:

Address: **883 Prospect Pl.** Address:

Home Phone: Home Phone:

Work Phone: Work Phone:

Date Inspected: **10/31/13**

Inspected By: **Daniel Dominguez III – Interim City Arborist**

Parkway Maintenance Report: ☐

Tree Species: **Pinus canariensis 3040x Yukon Ave slope-9** Removal Cost: (DBH x $20.00)= **$340.00**

Height: **55 Feet** Width of Sidewalk: **4 Feet**

Trunk Diameter: **17 Inches** Size of Right-of-Way: **20 Feet**

Health: Good☒ Fair☐ Poor☐ Date of Last Pruning: **5/05/2011**

Is the Tree a good candidate for Relocation? Yes☐ No☒

Likelihood of survival: Good☐ Fair☐ Poor☒

Comments: **Tree is too large to move and base of the tree is too close to other trees on the slope. Estimated value in Arbor Access is $4,890.00**

Concrete Damage: Yes☐ No☒

If Yes, describe damage:

Can the Tree be Root Pruned: Yes☒ No☐ Date: _____

Root Pruning Comments: **Root pruning not required.**

Date of Response to Resident:

Date Information Packet Mailed:

Photos Taken: Yes☒ No☐ Date Photos Taken: **10/31/2013**

Photo #1: **3040x Yukon Ave. slope 9 looking north**

Photo #2:

Photo #3:

Photo #4:

TREE S-9

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Parkway Maintenance Report: ☐

Tree Species: **Pinus canariensis 3040x Yukon Ave slope-11** Removal Cost: (DBH x $20.00)= **$320.00**

Height: **60 Feet** Width of Sidewalk: **4 Feet**

Trunk Diameter: **16 Inches** Size of Right-of-Way: **20 Feet**

Health: Good☒ Fair☐ Poor☐ Date of Last Pruning: **5/05/2011**

Is the Tree a good candidate for Relocation? Yes☐ No☒

Likelihood of survival: Good☐ Fair☐ Poor☒

Comments: **Tree is too large to move and base of the tree is too close to other trees on the slope. Estimated value in Arbor Access is $4,890.00**

Concrete Damage: Yes☐ No☒

If Yes, describe damage:

Can the Tree be Root Pruned: Yes☒ No☐ Date: _____

Root Pruning Comments: **Root pruning not required.**

Date of Response to Resident:

Date Information Packet Mailed:

Photos Taken: Yes☐ No☒ Date Photos Taken:

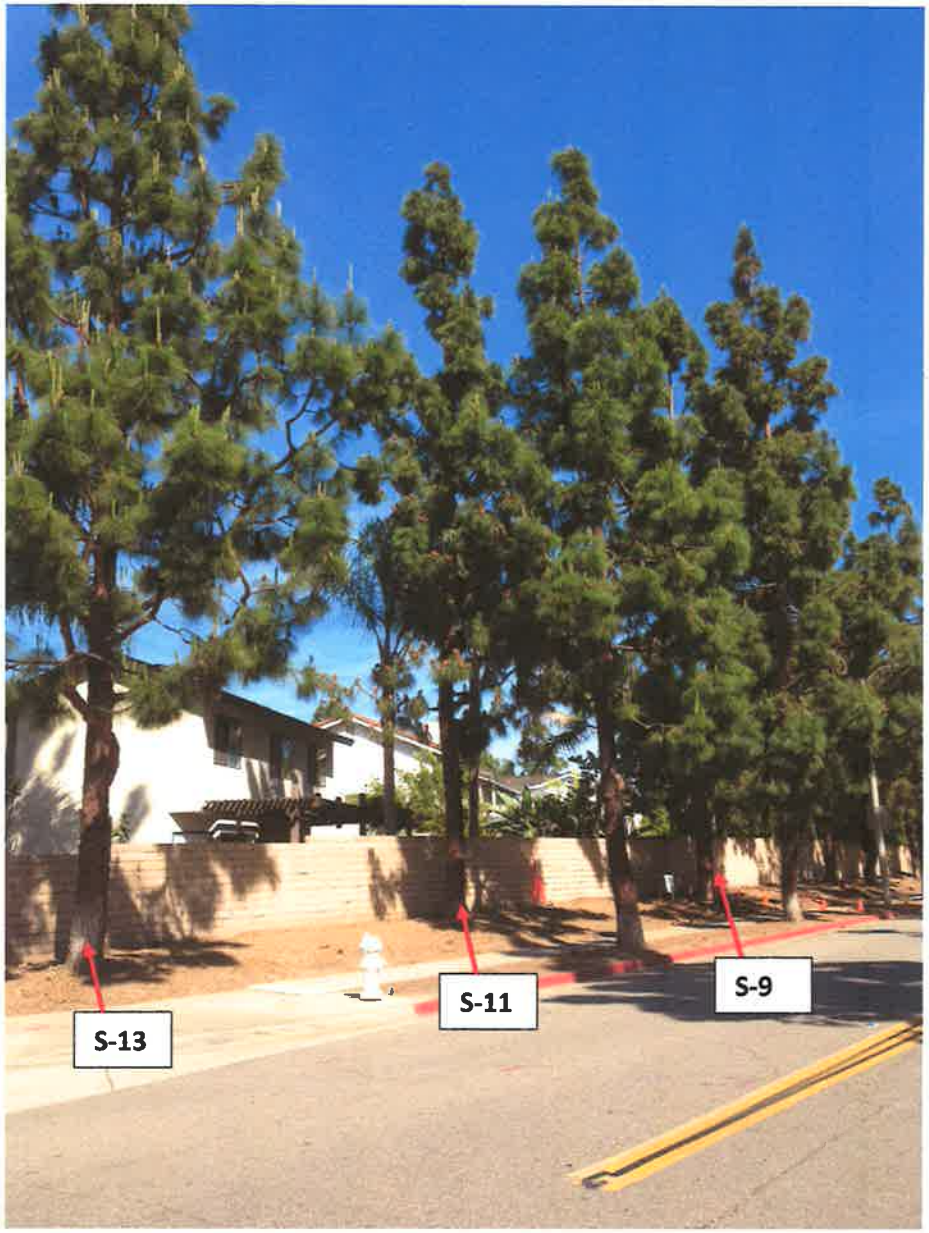
Photo #1:

Photo #2:

Photo #3:

Photo #4:

TREE S-11



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Date Inspected: **10/31/13**

Inspected By: **Daniel Dominguez III – Interim City Arborist**

Parkway Maintenance Report: ☐

Tree Species: **Pinus canariensis 3040x Yukon Ave. Slope 13** Removal Cost: (DBH x $20.00)= **$320.00**

Height: **60 Feet** Width of Sidewalk: **4 Feet**

Trunk Diameter: **16 Inches** Size of Right-of-Way: **20 Feet**

Health: Good☒ Fair☐ Poor☐ Date of Last Pruning: **5/05/2011**

Is the Tree a good candidate for Relocation? Yes☐ No☒

Likelihood of survival: Good☐ Fair☐ Poor☒

Comments: **Tree is too large to move and base of the tree is too close to other trees on the slope. Estimated value in Arbor Access is $4,890.00**

Concrete Damage: Yes☒ No☐

If Yes, describe damage: **Lifting of sidewalk.**

Can the Tree be Root Pruned: Yes☒ No☐ Date: _____

Root Pruning Comments: **Root pruning on the south side of the tree will mitigate lifting of the sidewalk.**

Date of Response to Resident:

Date Information Packet Mailed:

Photos Taken: Yes☒ No☐ Date Photos Taken: **10/31/2013**

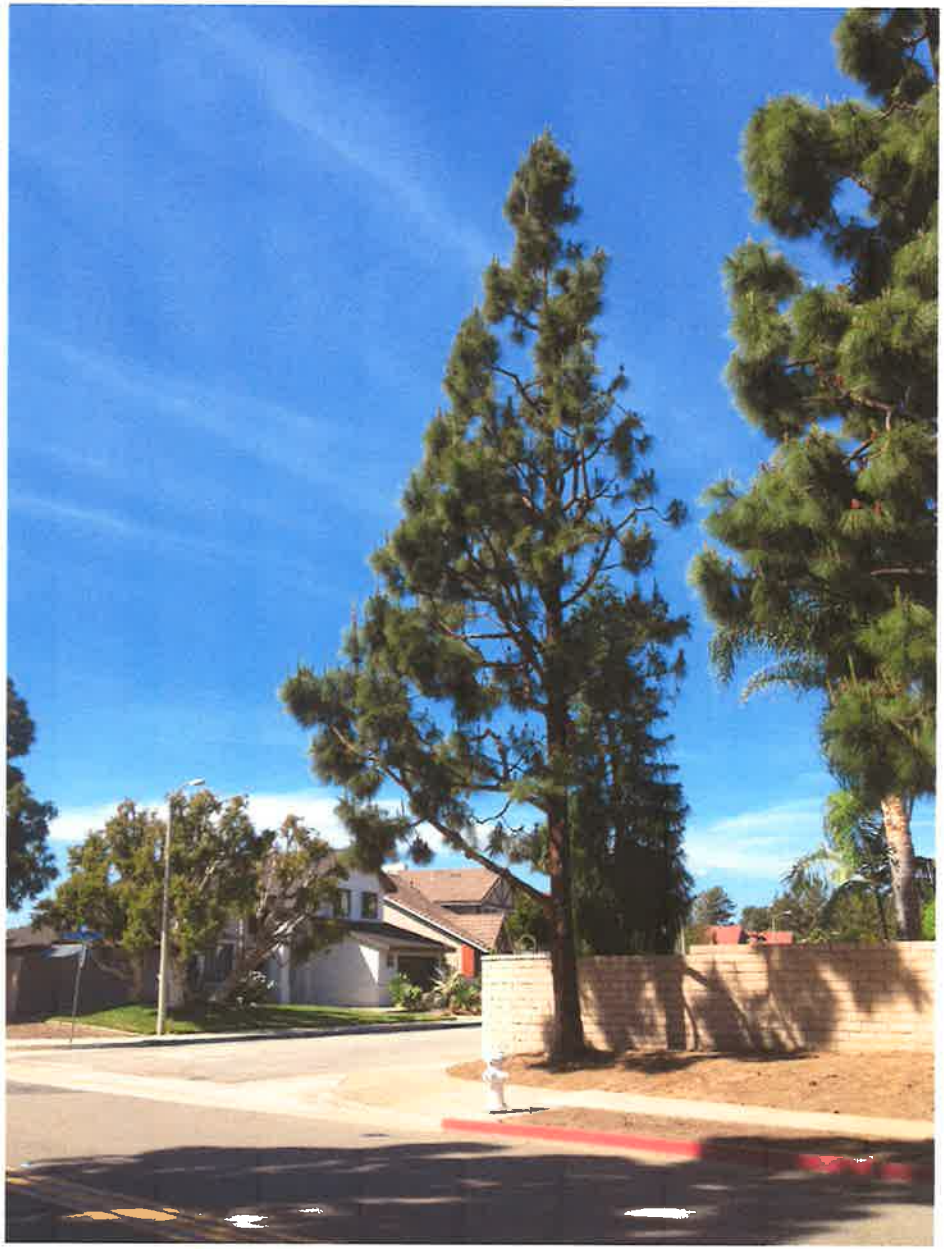
Photo #1: **3040x Yukon slope 13 looking north**

Photo #2: **3040x Yukon slope 13 base**

Photo #3:

Photo #4:

TREE S-13



ATTACHMENT #6

CITY OF COSTA MESA

P.O. BOX 1200 • 77 FAIR DRIVE • CALIFORNIA 92628-1200

FROM THE OFFICE OF MAINTENANCE SERVICES

April 8, 2015

Notice of Public Meeting - Yukon Avenue Tree Removal

Dear Resident:

You are receiving this letter to inform you of two formal requests received from property owners in the Yukon Avenue corridor requesting the removal of two (2) City-owned parkway trees located on the north side of Yukon Avenue immediately west of Klondike Circle and three City-owned (3) landscape set-back trees located on the north side of the street just east of Klondike Avenue, along Yukon Avenue.

The requests have been agendized for the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to attend the meeting, which will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 77 Fair Drive. The agenda report relating to this request can be found on the City's website at www.costamesaca.gov approximately one week prior to the meeting. The City Council has empowered the Parks and Recreation Commission to make determinations on requests for the removal of City-owned trees.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at (714) 754-5164. Should you wish to provide written comments for the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding this topic, you may do so by mailing them to "Parks & Recreation Commission, City of Costa Mesa, P.O. Box 1200, Costa Mesa, CA 92628 or by electronic mail to ParksCommission@costamesaca.gov. All comments become public record and will be provided to the Commission prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Hartley

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Maintenance Services Manager

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